

## POLITICAL GOSSIP.

## ALREADY PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT CANDIDATES.

The Chronicle Gives the Gist of Some of the Gossip about Politics That is Heard These Days

If there is any opposition to the re-nomination of the present officers, Judge Boykin and Solicitor Allen, we have not heard of it. They have made good officials, and deserve re-nomination.—Kinston Free Press.

The Democrats of Cabarrus will hold their primary convention May 24th, and hold the county convention May 31st. This convention will elect delegates to the State, Congressional and Judicial conventions. Cabarrus will thus sound the first gun of the campaign.

Willis R. Williams, Esq., of Pitt, passed through Wilson last Saturday, and it did us good to see his honest old face. Pitt county cannot do better than send this worthy son back to the Senate this year. He is a useful, honest, practical legislator.—Wilson Advance.

The Rocky Mount Phoenix declares for Jacob Battle, Esq., for solicitor of the Third District. Col. D. Worthington is a candidate for re-election. Jno. E. Woodard, Esq., of Wilson; Walter R. Henry, of Henderson, Col. Isaac A. Suggs, and A. L. Blow, of Pitt, are also in the field for the nomination.

The High Point Enterprise says that it has been reported that Davidson county would not support B. F. Long, Esq., for re-election as solicitor because he prosecuted those who were charged with lynching Barrie. The Enterprise says that this is incorrect and that Davidson will support Mr. Long.

The Scotland Neck Democrat strongly favors Capt. W. A. Kitchen for Congress in the Second district and says:

Capt. Kitchen is as true in the doctrines of democracy as any man ever has been since the hour of its conception. Nominate him to Congress, and then elect him, and the farmer, the laborer and all will have a true and tried democrat to champion the people's interest.

There are two candidates in the field for the Judgeship in this district. Judge Spier Whitaker, the present incumbent, and our townsman W. R. Allen, Esq. From what we have gathered we are authorized to say that Mr. Allen's chances for the nomination are very good, and are growing brighter every day. He is an able lawyer and a good man, and would make an excellent Judge.—Goldsboro Herald.

W. R. Allen, of Wayne county, is a gentleman qualified in every particular to fill the office of Judge. He is a young man in the very prime and vigor of manhood both mentally and physically, is a fine legal scholar, a man of even temper, of good moral and social habits, is a sober man and an honorable gentleman in every respect; so we say Allen is the man for Judge.—Dunn Courier.

Indications point to the nomination and election, of Capt. A. H. A. Williams, of Granville, as the next Congressman from the 5th District. It is high time the "Bright Belt," and the farming interest, had some representation in our National Legislation, and we know of no fitter person to protect the interest of our down trodden farmers than the above named gentleman.—Henderson Tomahawk.

We cheerfully surrender much of our editorial space this week to a communication from "Cumberland" eloquently presenting the claims and strongly advocating the nomination of Col. W. J. Green for Congress, in the 3d district. A better selection could not be made, and the Observer, like Cumberland, would be delighted to see one of her most worthy and competent sons thus honored.—Fayetteville Observer.

A correspondent last week suggested the name of Gen. R. B. Vance for next Governor. Well, the General would make a fine Governor, but if we are not mistaken in the signs of the times many of the Democrats of the twelfth congressional district have something else in view for him. The General carries a rabbit's foot that Ewart would give a year's salary to possess, and many of his old constituents throughout the district are already clearing up their throats to "holler" for him.—Morganton Herald.

The Henderson Gold Leaf is out endorsing W. B. Henry, Esq., for solicitor of the third district. It says Mr. Henry possesses every requisite for the full and satisfactory discharge of the duties of the office of solicitor, and if elected we believe his course would reflect honor upon himself and credit to the State. A well equipped lawyer, a close student, industrious, careful and painstaking in the preparation of his cases; strong, forceful and persuasive in argument before a jury. Mr. Henry is admirably fitted to be solicitor, and we are pleased to see his claims being strongly advocated by his friends.

The Rutherford Banner has a long article advocating Mr. H. Justice, Esq., for Judge to succeed Judge Shipp. It says: "In the person of M. H. Justice we believe we have a man of sobriety, integrity and wisdom, sufficient to make him a fair, honest and efficient judge, and as a matter of right we ask that his name be given due consideration in the convention that will name our next candidate for judge. Mr. Justice is known throughout the district. His ability as a lawyer, his character as a gentleman, and his integrity as a practitioner need no comment from us in a district where he is almost as familiar as at his own fireside."

We heartily endorse our correspondent's nomination of Col. M. L. McCorkle for Judge of the Superior Court from this district. The opinion of no lawyer in North Carolina carries more weight with it before the Supreme Court Judges than that of Col. McCorkle. He should have been on the bench years ago. He is eminently fit for either Superior or Supreme Court Judge, and his nomination would not only be a credit to this district, but would be endorsed by the lawyers all over the State, for according to the rotation system Judge's work is not confined to the district in which he lives, but to the State at large. By all means we say let the Eleventh district nominate M. L. McCorkle for Judge.—Newton Enterprise.

The Shelby Aurora and a correspondent of the Lincoln Courier are pushing Mr. James L. Webb, of Shelby, for solicitor against Frank L. Osborne, of Charlotte.

The Nashville Argonaut declares for Jacob Battle, Esq., of Nash, for Solicitor, and says: "His thorough knowledge of law, his well known vim and energy coupled with his high moral character and unimpeachable record, eminently qualifies him for this position."

The Monroe Enquirer and Express says Messrs. J. J. Vann, of Monroe, and M. H. Justice, of Rutherfordton, will be candidates for the Democratic nomination for judge of that district against Judge Shipp, and that W. A. Hoke, Esq., of Lincoln, is also spoken of in the same connection.

The members of the Democratic Executive Committee of the 7th Congressional District are requested to meet at Salisbury on Tuesday, May 20th, 1890. Frank Brown, chairman. The following gentlemen constitute the executive committee: Davis, Frank Brown; Cat-tawa, W. H. Williams; Fredell, B. F. Long; Montgomery, C. C. Wade; Randolph, W. P. Wood; Rowan, L. H. Clement; Yadin, R. C. Puryear; Davidson, T. B. Eldridge.

It is astonishing what degree of patience Judge Womack possesses. It is not astonishing what amount of ability he has. He should be elected to the position which he at present occupies, without opposition. No man dare say that he is not qualified. And no man can truthfully say that he ever saw a fairer or more exemplary Judge upon any bench, much less that of Chat-ham.—Jonesboro Leader.

Dr. J. S. T. Baird, of Asheville, who served acceptably in the last House of Representatives from Buncombe, announces himself a candidate for re-election this year, subject to the Democratic convention. He concludes his article with these patriotic words: "I believe that the liberties of our people and the perpetuity of our Republican form of government can only be assured unto us through the honest and benign rule of the Democratic party, hence I shall stay with it 'till death do us part'."

The friends of Capt. J. D. McIver will present his name to the Democratic Judicial Convention of the 7th District for Judge to succeed Judge McRae. In preferring Capt. McIver to Judge McRae for this position, no objection can be urged to McRae, except to plead the statute of limitation. He has been on the bench nine years and will very likely fill the first vacancy made on the Supreme Court bench. Capt. McIver is well known in the district as an able solicitor and has stood for many years as the first lawyer at the Moore county bar. We learn that he has much strength in the district and is gaining rapidly, the more it is becoming known, that his friends will present his name to the convention.—Sanford Express.

In our opinion the highest moral and intellectual qualities are needed for the Bench; and when a Judge possesses these and has discharged his duties faithfully, the public interest requires that he shall be continued in his place so long as he is willing to hold it. "Rotation in office" is the cry of those who want place, and who think that offices are meant to gratify personal ambition or supply the needy with emolument. The doctrine is fallacious and harmful. Officers are a necessity, and places of public trust are to be administered for the benefit of the people. They are very little who gets the profits so their business is intelligently and honorably managed. The interest of nine-tenths of mankind is in that only, for but comparatively few expect or even desire official position. In addition to other elections in November, we shall have the choosing of a Judge for this district for a term of ten years. Judge McRae is not only one of the ablest men on the Bench of the Superior Court but was thought by a large number of the delegates to the last State Convention to be eminently fitted for a seat in the highest court. We thought so. As a Judge he has been intelligent, honest and impartial, and in our opinion, it would be a wrong to the public to displace him for any man in the District. It is no injustice to the lawyers in the District to say that not one of them is his superior, and few, if any, are his equals. In addition to his other qualifications, he has an experience which is valuable to the people in that it enables him to effect a more rapid administration of justice. He ought to be given the nomination, and we believe he will.—Rockingham Rocket.

## Alexander for Congress.

[Concord Times.]

The editor of the Mecklenburg Times wrote letters to representative men in this district, asking them to state their choice for Congress and also how their counties would go in the convention.

The Times, received this morning, gives some of the replies. That paper is assured that Stanley, Cabarrus, Columbus, Richmond, Union, Anson, Brunswick and of course Mecklenburg, will cast their votes for Alexander. Letters from over the district are very encouraging, and there is no shadow of doubt in our mind that Alexander is the choice of the majority of the people.

## Granville's Choice for Judge.

[Oxford Day.]

R. W. Winston, Esq., a most prominent candidate for Judge from the Fifth Judicial District, being in the thirtieth year of his age, is full of zeal, energy and ability as a lawyer. At eighteen years of age he was thrown on his own resources by the failure of his father's health and fortune, but he was not deterred by discouragement. His spirited nature declining to be idle, he taught school during the day and studied law during the night for two years. Since his admission to the bar some ten years ago, he has practised his profession exclusively. As a lawyer his career has been one of unusual success. In the last five years he has appeared in nearly every important suit in Granville county, and has besides a lucrative practice in the Fifth and Third Judicial Districts.

In 1882 he was chairman of the Democratic executive committee of the county, and discharged the duties of the same with great efficiency. In 1885 he was triumphantly elected to the Senate. In 1887 he was chosen a member of the Democratic State Central Committee, and is now an active worker on the county committee. In every campaign

since he was twenty years old he has closed his office and fought valiantly the battles of Democracy. It was much due to the vigor of his blows and the strategy displayed by him in conjunction with others that Granville county has been partially redeemed from R. publicanism. Thus it is seen that he has been a worker in the ranks.

In 1885, at the convention in Durham, he came within less than a vote of being nominated for solicitor. The delegates then present will recall the stirring scenes of that occasion. Hundreds of voices cried for a new ballot, and many thought that Mr. Winston was nominated. A friend going to the hotel acquainted Mr. Winston with the situation, and amidst the constrained hush of pent-up excitement, in a ringing voice and with fervid eloquence, he announced that "principles live when men are dead" and for the sake of good government and Democracy he withdrew his name in favor of his more fortunate competitor. Cheer after cheer rent the house and eager hands congratulated him on his unselfish act, and many people spoke from the heart when saying, "Some of us oppose you to-day, but we are for you hereafter."

When Judge Gilmer resigned, the name of R. W. Winston was presented to the Governor for appointment as his successor, with an array of endorsements from the bench, bar and other citizens, such as has rarely been received by any other man.

Mr. Winston is a most diligent student of the law. He has a valuable and extensive law library, and is abreast of the times. In 1888 he associated with himself in the practice A. W. Graham, Esq., of Hillsboro. By nature he is endowed with a superior talent and fondness for law, which has been sedulously cultivated, the fruit of which is that he takes rank in the profession as one of the ablest and best equipped of the lawyers in the State of his age.

Such is the man that Granville county asks her sister counties to assist in naming as the next Judge of the Fifth District. It is confidently expected that if elected to the bench he will rival Clark, Shepherd or McRae in an intelligent and comprehensive dispatch of business, and earn for himself an enviable fame as a just, firm, patient and intelligent judge.

## N. C. University! And What of It?

(Special Cor. of STATE CHRONICLE.)

Madam Ramor says that there is to be a chair of History, established in the University, and that President Battle is to resign as 'President'—and be 'professor' of History. How much of truth there may be in this rumor this dependent knoweth not. But in connection therewith—this inquiry comes up—then who will be President of our University? ONE NAME has been suggested in the hearing of this scribe, viz THOS. J. JARVIS, a man of Collegiate Education—strong "horse sense" and of proven Executive ability—a native and a lover of North Carolina.

## Pass.

A father said unto his hopeful son, "Who was Leonidas, my cherished one?" The boy replied with words of ardent nature, "He was a member of the Legislature." "How?" asked the parent. Then the youngster saith, "He got a pass and held her like grim death." "Whose pass? What pass?" the anxious father cried. "'Twas Their monopoly," the boy replied.—Jester.

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